REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted as regards to formal matters.

It is respectfully requested that the first Office Action be directed to the application as amended herein.

Claims 1 to 13 remain in this application. Claims 14 to 21 have been added. Please charge \$250.00 (Small Entity) for 10 additional claim (in excess of 20) at \$25.00 each in accordance with the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith. (Applicant previously authorized the one-time payment for a multiple dependent claim).

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If there is any discrepancy between the fee(s) due and the fee payment authorized in the Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 or the Form PTO-2038 is missing or fee payment via the Form PTO-2038 cannot be processed, the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

Respectfully submitted,

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